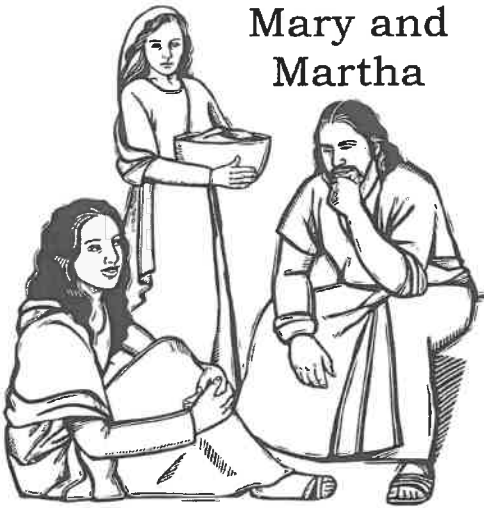


Mary and Martha



July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 700 (Maroon): Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
10:30am SONG: Crown Him (Majesty)

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Loving Father, we confess that we are not able to earn your favor through our own efforts.

We acknowledge that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and that we have fallen short of your glory. We recognize that we are sinners, unable to live up to your perfect standards.

But we also know that through faith in Jesus Christ, you have offered us grace and forgiveness. We thank you for sending your Son to die for our sins, and for offering us a way to be made right with you. With humbled hearts, we ask for your forgiveness and your grace. May we be transformed by your Spirit to walk in newness of life, living in obedience to your will. Help us to live by faith in you, and not by any works of our own. We cling to the hope and promise of your love, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 712 (Maroon): Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**



Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Duane Hall; 10:30am Anita Miller

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-10

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." (NIV)

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EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:21-29

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA, Hymn 584

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**▲ May the Spirit's power unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

Children's Message

HYMN: The Gift of Love

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.**

SERMON "Unexpected Happenings!" Pastor Bode

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Special Music: Erin Bode

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER



6:30pm and 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Agnus Dei, page 198

HYMN 770 (Maroon): What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.**

HYMN 918 (Maroon): Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

10:30am SONG: Our God